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Join us for our August Sermon Series
The Mysteries of God: Elijah & Elisha

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please e-mail all newsletter articles to:
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All articles are due by the 20th of each month for the next month's newsletter.



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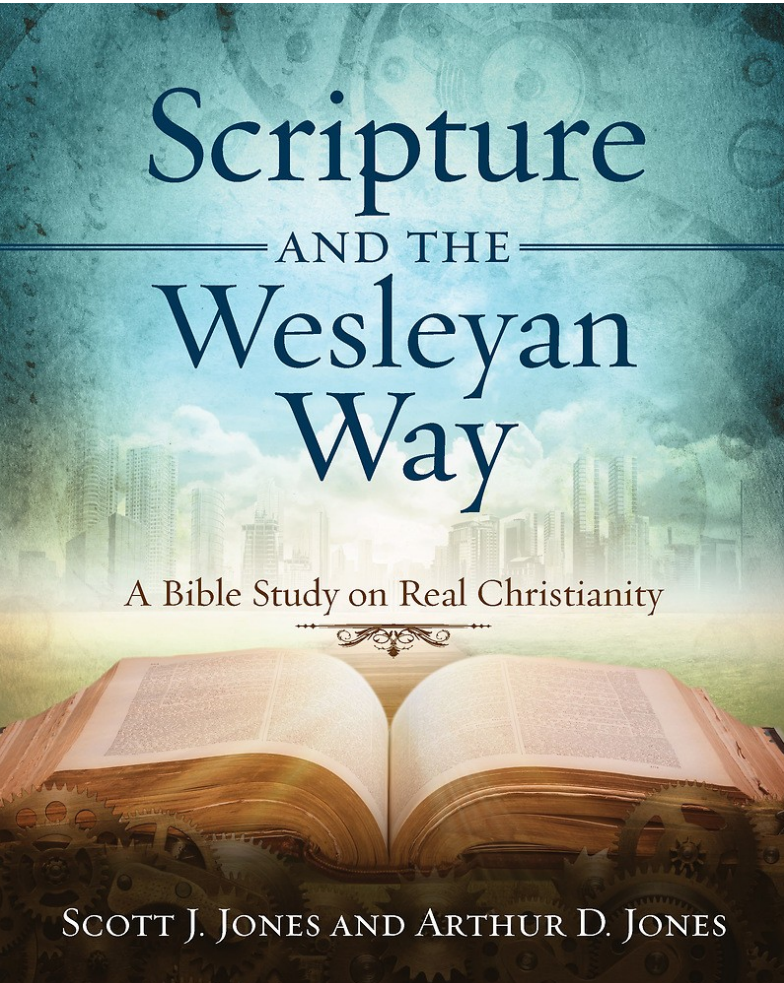
Monthly Newsletter of Benton United Methodist Church
August 2018

Weekly Events

- Sundays**
- Worship8:15 AM
- Sunday School.....9:15 AM
- Worship10:30 AM
- Boy Scouts2:00 PM
- Bible Study @ Hearne Home6:00 PM
- Mondays**
- Bodies On a Mission9:00 AM
- Tuesdays**
- Intercessory Prayer Team.....9:00 AM
- Men's Basketball.....7:00 PM
- Wednesdays**
- Bodies On a Mission9:00 AM
- The Closet Workday @ BUMC9:30 AM
- The Closet Distribution @ Chapel.....11:30 AM
- Thursdays**
- Bible Study10:00 AM
- Alcoholics Anonymous.....6:00 PM
- Fridays**
- Bodies On a Mission9:00 AM

A Word From Pastor Brad

Dear Church,
Please prayerfully consider signing up for the Lead Like Jesus workshop August 17-18th. Here are the details:
Lead Like Jesus imagines a world in which leaders serve rather than rule, give rather than take. We imagine leaders who produce results through service and sacrifice rather than through power and position. Throughout the Lead Like Jesus Encounter you will explore effective and practical ways to live your faith at work, home and in all relationships. You will dig deep into scripture and examine the perfect and powerful leadership principles that Jesus modeled in everyday life. Whether you lead a corporation, church or family, Lead Like Jesus will transform your life and the lives of those you touch. This event is for both men and women. Everyone is welcome and anyone who desires greater personal and professional impact in the name of Jesus this seminar is for you.
See you then!!
Your Preacher-Brad



Begins September 5, 2018



Wednesdays at 5:30 PM

The Bible was central to John Wesley's faith and the Christian movement he founded. In *Scripture and the Wesleyan Way*, you will discover a Wesleyan approach to the Bible and the Christian life through a Bible study using Wesley's own words.

In this study, authors Scott and Arthur Jones use John Wesley's sermons to illuminate the Bible passages at the heart of Wesley's understanding of what it means to be a real Christian. Each chapter explores a key Scripture text and one of Wesley's sermons on it. Through their insightful and engaging study, Bishop Jones and his son Arthur show how the teachings of Wesley address questions that many of us in the twenty-first century still struggle with today.

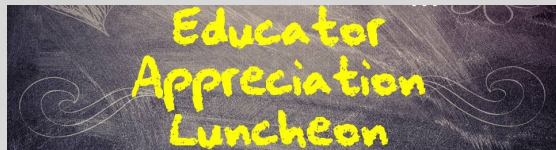
Join us at WOW! beginning Wednesday, September 5, 2018
Dinner at 5:30 PM
Study at 6:05 PM



August 17-18, 2018 Friday (5:30-9:00) - Saturday (8:00-4:00)
Nursery for ages 5 and under is available with pre-registration by Thursday, August 9 by calling Linda Silas in the church office at 318.965.2273.
Pastors & Leaders sign-up now at www.bentonumc.org/LeadLikeJesus
Use code BENTON to register for \$50 (regularly \$79)

Monthly & Special Events

- Wednesday, August 1**
Bodies on a Mission 9:00 AM
- Thursday, August 2**
Dinner with Friends..... 6:30 PM
- Sunday, August 5**
United Methodist Men Breakfast 7:00 AM
Blessing of the Backpacks 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM
Youth Sunday 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM
Educator Appreciation Set-Up..... 11:30 AM
- Monday, August 6**
Educator Appreciation Luncheon..... 10:00 AM



- Tuesday, August 7**
Security System Meeting 6:00 PM
- Friday, August 10**
Sew Crazy Ladies 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, August 14**
NWLA Truck Unloading..... 9:00 AM
NWLA Food Bag Packing 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, August 15**
Bible Study led by Darrell Williams 10:30 AM
The Closet @ A Cross Faith 11:30 AM
The Table Ministry Lunch & Devotion 11:30 AM
The Table Food Distribution..... 12:30 PM
- Friday, August 17**
Just a Bunch of Lit Wits @ Panera 7:15 AM
Lead Like Jesus..... 5:30 PM



- Saturday, August 18**
Lead Like Jesus..... 8:00 AM
- Sunday, August 19**
LifeShare Blood Drive 7:45 AM
- Friday, August 24**
Sew Crazy Ladies 10:00 AM
Sock Hop 7:00 PM
- Saturday, August 25**
Souper Saturday..... 7:30 AM
- Tuesday, August 28**
O.P.A.L.S..... 11:30 AM

For more information about these and other events, or to schedule use of a room at the church, please contact Linda Silas in the church office at (318) 965-2273.
Regularly scheduled events are listed on page 1.

O.P.A.L.S. (Older People with Active Life Styles)

Tuesday, August 28 at 11:30 AM
in the Family Life Center
Cost: \$5.00

The Older People with Active Life Styles will meet to hear about G.R.A.C.E. camp - God's Really Amazing Camping Experience! This week-long camp is for children with incarcerated parents or loved ones, and it's free for them. Come learn about it and how we can be a part of this grace-filled ministry.

We support Common Ground in the Cedar Grove area of Shreveport by donating pantry items, and this month you are to bring juice (32 oz or smaller.) We also ask you to call Peggy Rumbaugh by August 26 to make your reservation. Hope to see you there!

For reservations, please contact:
Peggy Rumbaugh (318) 349-1465

BIBLE STUDY
Genesis

Sundays at 6:00 PM
at the Home of
Buddy & Reba Hearne
3408 Shirley Court, Benton, LA
(318) 965-0122

Financial Report Second Quarter 2018

Income\$294,913.78 YTD
Expenses\$293,198.61 YTD

Our Mortgage balance at the end of June 2018 is \$250,375.47. Just a reminder we still have a monthly note of \$5,700 per month. Building Fund donation has been down this last quarter. Thanks to all who continue to donate their pledged amount for 2018.

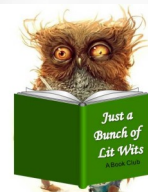
We have had some large unexpected expenses on maintenance of building including lights in Family Life Center and air conditioner problems.

Apportionments

LA Conference Apportionment amount for 2018 is \$44,828.00. We have paid \$16,298.00 to date.

Update on Security System Fundraiser

\$3,416.00 was raised at the Steak Sandwich fundraiser bringing the total to \$39,565.66 raised for the Security System. Thanks to the UMM for the time and energy they put in to the Steak Sandwich Sale to make it such a great success. Thanks to everyone who has prayed over and donated to this important endeavor. The security system will be a major step towards making our future safe.



Our book club meets again on August 17, 2018 with the book *The Anatomy of Peace by the Arbinger Group*. We choose books at our monthly meetings. Now is the time to jump in and join the Lit Wits! We would love to see you there!

Contact Joel Carter for information
at (318) 465-9235.

Shipwrecked VBS



Los Angeles High School Mission Trip



"Lead Like Jesus Encounter" Workshop

For **MEN** and **WOMEN**
 Benton United Methodist Church
August 17-18, 2018

Friday (5:30-9:00) - Saturday (8:00-4:00)

Pastors & Leaders sign-up Now!

www.bentonumc.org/LeadLikeJesus

Use code BENTON to register for \$50 (Regularly priced \$79)



Jim Boesch, one of only two Certified Master Trainers, will lead your life-changing experience!

Not all leadership development is created equal that's why, despite the boom in leadership development we're seeing a decline in the quality of leaders.

We'd like to invite you to experience one-of-a-kind leadership development that focuses on YOU as a leader and not just your leadership tactics.

Packed with action-oriented, peer-to-peer learning, **Leadership ENCOUNTER Experience** is a highly interactive and deeply personal workshop that challenges conventional leadership models and offers a practical model based on the greatest leader role model of all time, Jesus.

For more information, please contact:
 Mark Lubbock at 225-753-0297
mlubbock@gcumm.org



Benton United Methodist Women
 President, Pat Mosher

onthelake8@bellsouth.net

(318) 572-3447

Our circle meetings are out for the summer. We'll see you at our September membership salad supper on the 4th.

Mark your calendars:

BUMW Sock Hop

NEW DATE:

August 24 from 7:00 –10:00 PM

Our favorite band – the KoKoMo Cruisers will keep us entertained. Please come and bring your families. It's a time to dance, have a hamburger, chips and cokes and relax for only \$12.00 (Children—\$4.00). Ice cream sundaes and sodas will be available. This happens in our very own Family Life Center. Elvis may make an appearance!

UMW District "Mini Mission u":

August 18 at 9:30 AM at Zwolle UMC

Tamales are promised. Studies this year will be "Embracing Wholeness: Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living" and "What About Our Money? A Faith Response".

Pre-order your tamales to take home with you after the study. \$10 for a dozen (mild, reg, hot) Deadline is Aug 1, email order to rjones1129@gmail.com.

General Meeting:

September 4 at 6:30 PM

Salad Supper, elections and membership

Methodist Women in the Kitchen #2

Our Cookbook is still available in the church office at \$20 each or 6 for \$100.

50's Sock Hop

Sponsored by the Benton United Methodist Women

Friday, August 24

7:00-10:00 PM

\$12 per person

MUSIC BY THE KOKOMO CRUISERS



Best Dressed Contest



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For more information, please contact: Joann Horton (318) 347-8844

Hands & Feet: Serving with Our Children

*A new serving ministry for families with children. Any ages welcome!
We also invite the young at heart to help mentor these new servants.*

This wonderful ministry touched the lives of over 167 people in just 45 minutes!

- 47 Mackenzie's Manna Bags were packed and are available in the North foyer
- 90 Souper Saturday lunch bags were labeled and packed for delivery
- 30 backpacks were filled for counselors from Benton High, Benton Middle, Kingston Elementary, Legacy Elementary, and Benton Elementary Schools

Thank you for all you do to help our children and youth serve our community!



12 Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

Let all that you do be done with love. 1

Corinthians 16:14



Serving Our Community



The Table Food Ministry

Tuesday, August 14
9:00 AM Truck Unloading
10:00 AM Bag Packing

Wednesday, August 15
12:30 PM
Food Distribution

**Tuesday, August 14
& Wednesday, August 15**

For more information on The Table, contact:
Kim Hauser kimdenise1996@gmail.com or Rachel Stoneman rachel.stoneman@bentonumc.org

The Closet Clothes Ministry

We need your help at our bustling clothes closet at A Cross Faith Advocacy Center (1659 Palmetto Road in Benton) and at Benton UMC.

Hours at Benton UMC & A Cross Faith:

3rd Wednesdays 11:30 AM-4:00 PM

A Cross Faith Advocacy Center

HOURS:
Wednesday, August 15
11:30 AM-4:00 PM

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Transforming the community...

For more information on The Closet Clothes Ministry, please contact:

Sue Shadow
318.965.2496
shadow781@bellsouth.net



Souper Saturday Needs You!

We need people to ride along with drivers for deliveries, substitute drivers, soup cooks, and sandwich makers. We have very dedicated volunteers—a family of Christ's servants! We serve on the last Saturday of each month. Please join us to see if this is where you connect in service.

For more information on Souper Saturday, contact:

Katherine Kavanaugh
318.218.7730
katkavanaugh@bellsouth.net

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:10